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Subject: RE: Steering Committee Follow-up and Request for
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Hi Again,

There seems to have been a problem with the email link to the web site. Here is the new link. Please let me know if there are still problems with this.

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http://www.sfei.org/california_bay_delta_Hg_project/main_page.htm

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Subject: Steering Committee Follow-up and Request for Responses
to PI questions

Hello,

Thanks again for all of your input at the March 9th Steering Committee meeting of the Fish Mercury Project (FMP). We were impressed by the diversity of the groups that are participating on the Steering Committee and we look forward to working with you on this project. As was discussed at the meeting, we are asking for your input to a list of specific questions that will guide the design of the monitoring program. These questions are provided in the attachment called "PI Project Questions". To keep the project moving forward, we need to have your responses to these questions by Friday, April 1st. Please email them to me at rainer@sfei.org.

We have also been working to clarify the project goals/objectives and the role that the Steering Committee will play in this project. Attached you will find several documents that provide further background on the project. Below is a listing and an explanation of these attachments:

. March 9th Steering Committee Meeting Summary - Summary of the afternoon discussion.

. Revised Project Goals and Objectives - Revised after Steering Committee and Principal Investigator input. A paragraph providing more detailed explanation of each goal and objective has been provided. The goals and objectives are still a work in progress. We will send out a finalized version after we have integrated input from all of the Principal Investigators.

. Steering Committee Activities Timeline - timeline of Steering

Committee activities and role

. Steering Committee Mission Statement - A mission statement was developed in response to requests for a more explicit understanding of the role of the Steering Committee in the FMP process.

WEBSITE

We have also created a website to house various pieces of information on the FMP. This is a work in progress that will be modified/updated regularly. If you have any suggestions or have additional reports that you think would be helpful, both technical and non-technical, please forward the link or the document to us and we can add it to the reference list.
<http://www.sfei.org/california%20bay%20delta%20Hg%20project/web%20site%20documents/main%20page.htm>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

We also want to keep you informed about the upcoming meetings related to the project. There are four meetings planned:

1) The Science Review Panel will convene on April 13th and April 14th at the CBDA offices in Sacramento. An agenda will be mailed out closer to the meeting date. The goals for the April 13/14 Workshop are:

a) to familiarize a panel of nationally and internationally recognized scientists (with expertise in statistical design; physical, chemical, and biological processes influencing mercury transformation, transport, and bioaccumulation; environmental and human health risk evaluation; and risk communication) with the goals and objectives of the project and the current working hypotheses;

b) to obtain expert advice on sampling approaches and trade-offs among various design options in order to meet the project objectives;

c) to provide the Principal Investigators with sufficient input to finalize the 2005 Monitoring Plan based on existing data and those anticipated to be collected within the next three years;

d) to review and provide input to the California Department of Health Services' (DHS') risk communication and evaluation plan.

While the Workshop is another opportunity for the Steering Committee to learn more about project details, it is primarily an opportunity for the Principal Investigators to tap into the panelists' expertise to guide the project, based on the feedback

you provided during and after the March 9 Steering Committee kick-off meeting.

2) Informational Meeting- DHS is planning an informational meeting for interested Steering Committee members who want to have additional background on the project and training on the science behind the project. The meeting will be held the week before the April workshop with the Science Review Panel. DHS will announce the details/agenda of this meeting within the next week. Additional meetings may be planned, if there is enough Steering Committee interest.

3) We are planning a follow-up SC meeting sometime in May to finalize the 2005 sampling plan. This will include recommendations made by the SRP.

4) The Local Stakeholder Advisory Group (LSAG) will meet on May 13th, from 12 to 2, in Sacramento. The LSAG guides DHS in the development of outreach and education activities to raise public awareness around fish contamination issues in the Delta. Agenda topics for the May 13th meeting include: coordination of risk communication activities with the FMP, planning of the December 2005 public forum, and discussion about the development of a Delta warning sign. Please contact Sun Lee (510-622-4476 or slee@dhs.ca.gov) at DHS for more information.

If you have any questions or feedback on the content of this email please contact Jay or me.

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